Over Ruling the Decision of U.P.S.C.

6618. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government over-ruled Union Public Service Commission's advice several times;

(b) if so, the Govemment reject Commission's advice on the basis of reasons; and

(c) its impact on the morale and the image of the services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. The number of cases in which the recommendations of the Union Public Service Commission were not accepted by the Government are negligible compared to the total number of such recommendations made by the UPSC. This is borne out by the following figures:

	1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Total number of recommendations	14705	14740	19024
Total number of cases in which recommendations of UPSC were not accepted.	15	10	8

(b) The few cases in which the Government had to differ with the recommendations of the Commission were decided at appropriate levels after taking into account all relevant considerations.

(c) Does not arise in view of the negligible number of the cases of disagreement.

[*Translations*]

Indian Labourers Abroad

6619. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian labourers working abroad as on December 31, 1991, and

(b) the average amount of foreign exchange earned by the Government therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The figures regarding the amount of foreign exchange earned through Indian labourers employed abroad are not maintained.

[*English*]

Development of Rural Areas

6620. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for rapid development of rural areas;;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be given a practical shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMNETATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). There is no new or specific proposal for rapid development of rural areas in the Country. However, the approach of integranted area development is to be adopted during the Eighth Five Year Plan. This is based on the premise that decentralised planning and implementation of these schemes will make a better impact on the problems of poverty. The details of this approach would be included in the Eighth Five Year Plan Document.

Allotment of Land to Government of Orissa in Vicinity of Delhi University

6621. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received for allotment of five acres of land in the vicinity of Delhi University to the Government of Orissa for the construction of a hostel with a library and reference Centre for the students of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A representation has been received from the Delhi Oriya Students Association (Reg.) dated 6th March, 1992 wherein they have requested to allot five acres of land in the vicinity of Delhi University for the construction of a full fledged hostel (alongwith a cultural centre and a reference library) by the Government of Orissa.

(c) The request has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and it has been decided that the request for hostels should be accommodated within the land available with Delhi University.

Prevention of Closure of Sick Units

6622. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a bill to prevent closure of sick, loss making and extremely unviable units as also the bankrupt private and public sector companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and and (c). Do not arise.

Collaboration with European Community

6623. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Community is keen on entering in to long term collaborations arrangements with Indian firm in the field of machine tools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.